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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of May 21 thru May 27, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 805 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

ELECTRICAL FIRE - On May 21 at 6:57 am on the 1700 block of Stanford Street fire crews were dispatched and extinguished an exterior fire. Upon investigation, the fire was determined to be caused by a faulty electrical switch. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

GUN SHOT WOUND - On May 21 at 9:41 p.m. on the 800 block of Arcade Street a 19 year old man had been shot. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

STABBING – On May 22 at 5:14 a.m. on the 1600 block of Minnehaha Avenue a 35 year old woman had been stabbed with a steak knife. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

PEDESTRIANS STRUCK - On May 22 at 12:45 p.m. on Albemarle Street and Larpentour Avenue West a 29 year old woman and a 32 year old man were struck by a vehicle as they crossed the street. Paramedics treated and transported them to a nearby hospital.

UNATTENDED COOKING - On May 24 at 2:21 p.m. on the 200 block of Sherburne Avenue fire companies were called to a report of a kitchen fire. Upon arrival, they found a stovetop fire that had been extinguished. The occupant had heated a small pan of cooking oil on the stovetop and then went outside. When he returned he found the pan on fire. He threw water on the small fire and was able to extinguish it. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

- **Careless cooking is the leading cause of building fires in Minnesota.**
- **We DO NOT RECOMMEND** putting water on a cooking oil fire. It is likely to **EXPLODE.**
- **We DO RECOMMEND** that, "when you cook, stay and look!"
- **Install a pair of StoveTop FireStop extinguishers above the burners of your stove.** They're available at most Ace Hardware stores.

BUILDING FIRE - On May 25 at 1:57 a.m. on the 500 block of North Dale Street fire companies were dispatched to a report of smoke showing from the roof of a gas station and convenience store. Upon arrival, firefighters stretched hoselines and extinguished a fire located in the rear store room. This fire is still under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$300,000.

UNATTENDED CANDLE - On May 25 at 12:02 p.m. on the 1200 block of Charles Avenue fire companies were called to a report of a dwelling on fire. Upon arrival they found a small mattress fire that was mostly out and finished extinguishment. A candle had been lit next to an open window, then left the room, on return found the curtains on fire; the fire extended to part of the mattress. A neighbor extinguished the bulk of the fire by making entry with an extinguisher. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.

ARSON FIRE - On May 26 at 2:32 a.m. on the 1300 block of Ames Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a report of a vehicle fire. They found and extinguished a fully involved passenger compartment fire in a vehicle. The fire was intentionally set. Damage is estimated at \$3,000.

TREADMILL FIRE - On May 26 at 9:14 p.m. on the 1900 block of Minnehaha Avenue West fire companies extinguished a fire that started on top of a treadmill that was in the detached garage. This fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.

PEDESTRIANS STRUCK - On May 27 at 3:33 p.m. on Lincoln Avenue and Snelling Avenue South a 19 year old woman and 20 year old woman were struck by a vehicle. Paramedics treated and transported them to a nearby hospital.